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1. ECON COUNSELOR REVIEWED INTELSAT SHIREP QUESTION AGAIN AUGUST 26 WITH LABERGE, EXTAF, ON BASIS REFTEL. (B).

2. WHEN ECON COUNSELOR COMMENTED THAT ONLY INDICATIONS WE HAD TO DATE OF PRC VIEW OF ACCESS ISSUE WAS PRC STATEMENT TO GOC THAT PRC WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUED COMMERCIAL DEALINGS WITH TAIWANESE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, LABERGE SAID HE SHOULD CLARIFY CONTEXT. IN TALKING WITH PRC REPS, LABERGE POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT ALTHOUGH ROC SITS IN INTELSAT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES, PRC HAS HAD COMMERCIAL ACCESS TO INTELSAT SYSTEM; HE ASKED WHETHER IF POSITIONS WERE REVERSED PRC COULD ACCEPT CONTINUED AND, IN FACT, EXPANDING COMMERCIAL ACCESS BY TAIWAN. PRC REPS SAID THEY SAW NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROVIDED IT WAS CLEAR THAT PRC IS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL IN INTELSAT. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT PRC MEMBERSHIP WAS FIRST QUESTION THAT MUST BE RESOLVED. (IN RESPONSE TO ECON COUNSELOR'S QUESTION WHETHER LATTER STATEMENT MEANT THAT PRC WOULD BE UNWILLING TO UNDERTAKE COMMITMENT ON ROC ACCESS IN CONTEXT OF MEMBERSHIP SHIFT BUT ONLY AFTER SHIFT ACCOMPLISHED, LABERGE SAID HE THOUGHT MATTER MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE.) LABERGE COMMENTED THAT, WHILE THE PRC REPS DID NOT IN GENERAL APPEAR TO BE WELL BRIEFED, THEY DID INDICATE AN AWARENESS OF THE TAIWANESE EARTH STATIONS AND TAIWAN'S IMPORTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS.

3. LABERGE CONFIRMED THAT PRC HAD NOT ASKED GOC TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE AND HE HAD MADE CLEAR TO PRC REPS THAT GOC WOULD REACT TO DEVELOPMENTS BUT DID NOT INTEND TO "TAKE A FORWARD POSITION."

4. LABERGE SAID FRENCH EMBASSY IN OTTAWA HAD TOLD HIM THAT PRC HAD APPROACHED GOC ALONG SAME LINES AS APPROACH TO GOC AND FRENCH HAD GIVEN SIMILAR REACTION, NAMELY THEY WOULD NOT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH ANY INITIATIVE TO SHIFT MEMBERSHIP. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBASSY, FRENCH HAD NOT RAISED QUESTION OF ACCESS AS DIRECTLY AS CANADIANS BUT HAD SAME IMPRESSION THAT PRC WOULD BE AMENABLE TO CONTINUED BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN.

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5. LABERGE OFFERED OPINION THAT SITUATION LIKELY TO REMAIN MURKY UNTIL PARTIES ASSEMBLE IN NAIROBI. HE WILL BE GOING TO NAIROBI FOR ASSEMBLY AND WANTS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH U.S. DELEGATION. HE ASKED FOR NAMES OF U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS. DEPARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE.
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